

SILVER SPRING URBAN DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 17, 2011

Call to Order and Introductions: Jennifer Nettles, Chair called meeting to order at 3:40pm members and attendees introduced themselves.

TCCP Project:

Due to the project going up behind the Civic Building, Spring Street sidewalk will be closed. There will be a temporary pathway for pedestrians. Jennifer Nettles will continue to update the committee on this project.

Motions: (J. Nettles, M. Tull) The Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee unanimously agreed to send a letter to the County Executive regarding Pepco's construction on Georgia Ave., Collesville Rd., and Wayne Ave. and the pedestrian safety issues the construction is causing. Jennifer Nettles will draft the letter.

SHA:

The rebuilt signals on 29 are complete.

Traffic signals replacement on Georgia Ave., Wayne Ave. and Colesville Rd. should be completed by January 11, 2012. Pepco is delaying work because they are requesting 4 inc. conduits be installed and SHA can only install 3 inc. conduits.

Parking Garage:

Garage number 5 needs rehabilitation, work should start around mid May for Phase 2; it should take about 2 weeks. Demolition work has been moved to the evening in response to residence complaints about the noise.

The Urban District will be responsible for outside directional parking signs leading to the garage. Department of Transportation, Department of Parking will be responsible for all parking signs within the garage. They will be adding 30 more parking spaces. They are working on a program where you can pay for parking using your cell phone. There may be an increase in parking fees of 10 cents.

Police Report:

Robbery and stolen vehicles crimes are down. So far this year there have only been 3 robberies and 8 to 9 vehicle problems. They are suggesting that residences sign up for Work Montgomery to get updates and alerts as to what is going in Silver Spring.

2.3 million Has been granted to the police department and as of July 1st there will be at least 10 officers assigned to Downtown Silver Spring.

Motion: (J. Nettles, unanimous) The Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee unanimously agreed to send a letter to the County Executive to thank him for the police build up in Silver Spring. (A copy will be sent to the County Council).

Transit Center/Library:

The transit center is 2/3 complete. There will be 2 more structural pores which will take place during the day. The Colesville Rd. night work is complete. By January 8, 2012 they hope to transfer from the operations site to the permanent site.

The utility work will be done first on the library site. They expect to have all the underground work done by December.

The Fillmore is 40% complete and a soft opening of September 7, 2011 is expected.

Mel Tull:

There have been a number of complaints about food vendor trucks parked in front of restaurants. Permitting services is working with Montgomery County to address this problem. This is a zoning issue. It was suggested that the business owners need to file complaints with the Council.

Motion: (M. Tull, Unanimous) the SSUDAC unanimously agreed to send a letter to The County Executive in regards to Zoning for Mobil Food Trucks.

Silver Spring Urban District:

The Department of Corrections program is growing and doing well. They are achieving a high level of cleanliness in the downtown area.

The budget for the Urban District was cut by minus 2.9%

Civic Building:

There was a problem with crowd control and fighting at a party that was held at the Civic building. The Committee would like suggestions from Jewru Bandeh at the next meeting on how to handle these problems. It was suggested that Jewru check with other county agencies to see how they handle security for events.

The Regional Centers:

The C.E. is proposing as part of the FY12 budget to create the Office of Community Engagement which would include the Regional Services Centers.

Next month: Planning Department & Baptist Church project.

Motion: The SSUDAC unanimously approved the February 2011 minutes.

5:45pm Meeting adjourned